

Facilitating UOCAVA Voter Participation

The Mission and Work of Overseas Vote Foundation



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General Situation

- Number of Americans overseas unconfirmed
- Millions of voters not voting
- Many who try are disenfranchised
- State-based system remains complex
- Technologies can be safely implemented for some aspects of the voting process

UOCAVA Voter Registration Challenges

Geography – Distance – Time

Access to Information and Materials

Cost

The same challenges felt by both LEOs and UOCAVA voters

Disenfranchisement Levels

19% of voters
received their
ballots after
November 2nd
or not at all

+

24% of voters
received their
ballots late—
in the last two
weeks of October

=

43% total
voters received
late ballots or
no ballot at all

Source: OVF 2004 Post Election Research Report
<http://www.overseasvotefoundation.org/surveys/>

Our Mission

Facilitate and increase participation
of UOCAVA voters in federal elections

How We Achieve Our Mission

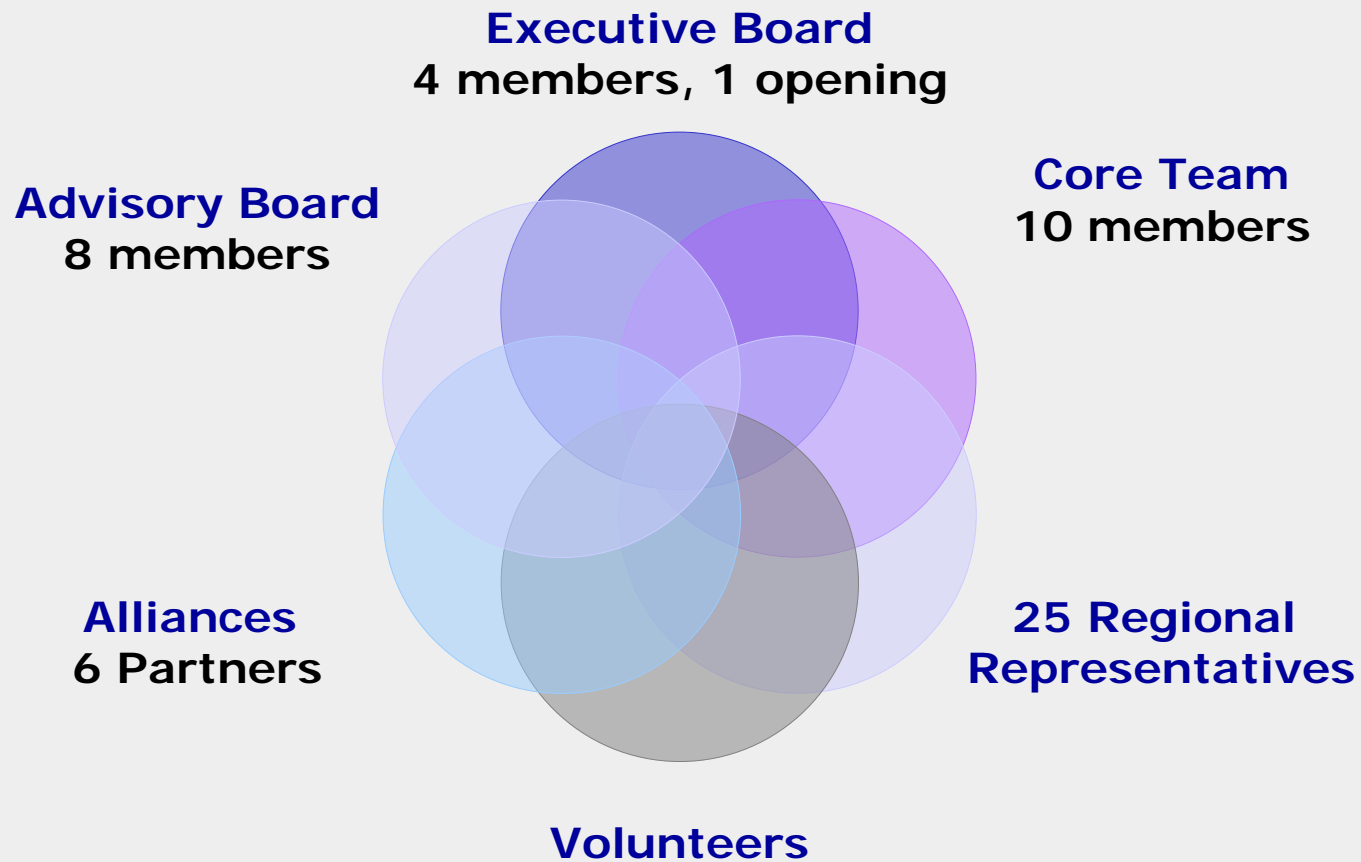
Provide free public access
to a complete integrated suite of innovative
Internet-based voter services

Our Organization

Overseas Vote Foundation is the First and Only....

- Non-profit
 - Non-partisan
 - Non-political, non-party-affiliated
 - Non-governmental
 - Overseas Volunteer-run
 - Professionally staffed
-organization doing work of this kind.

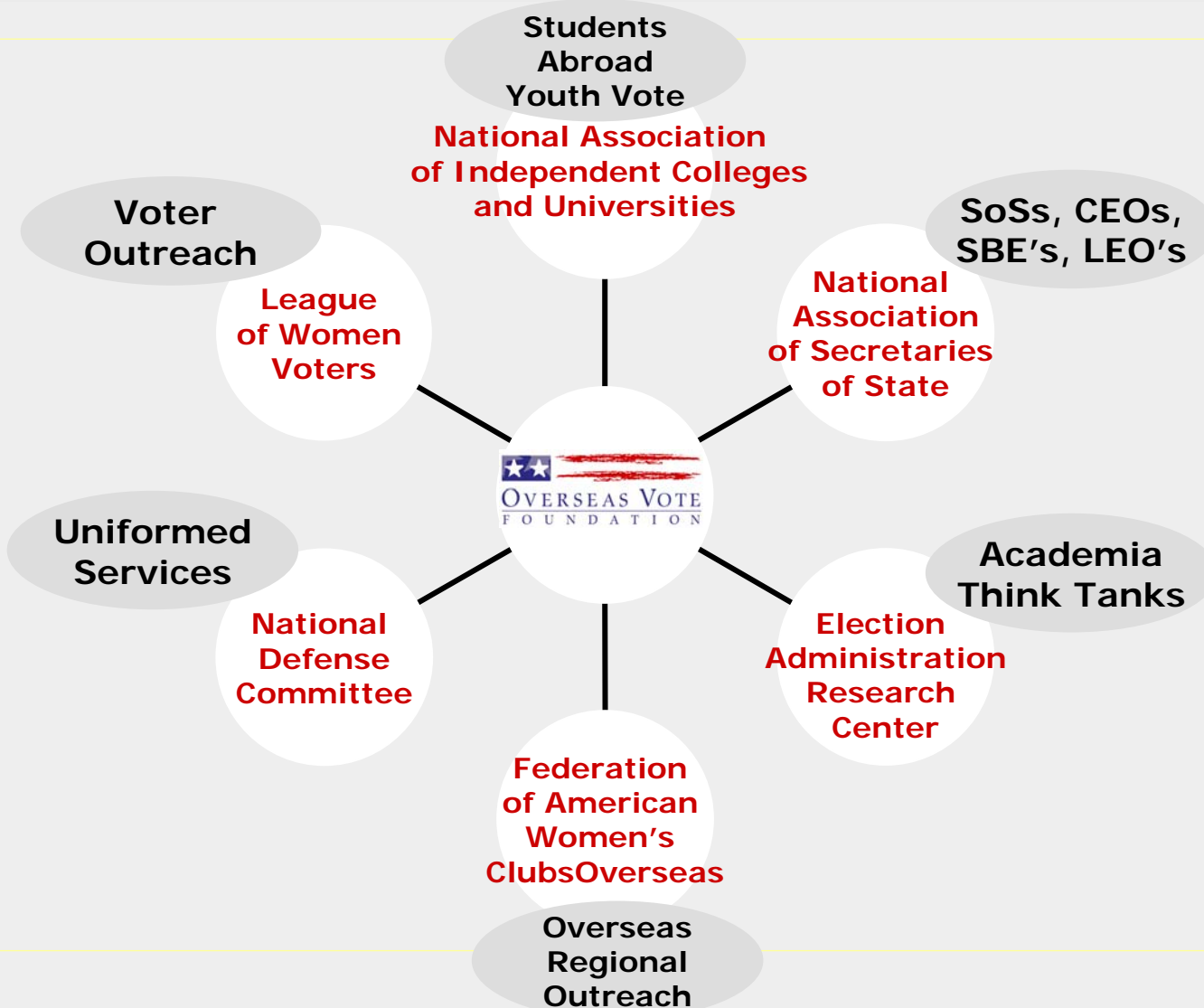
OVF Human Resource Structure



OVF Alliances



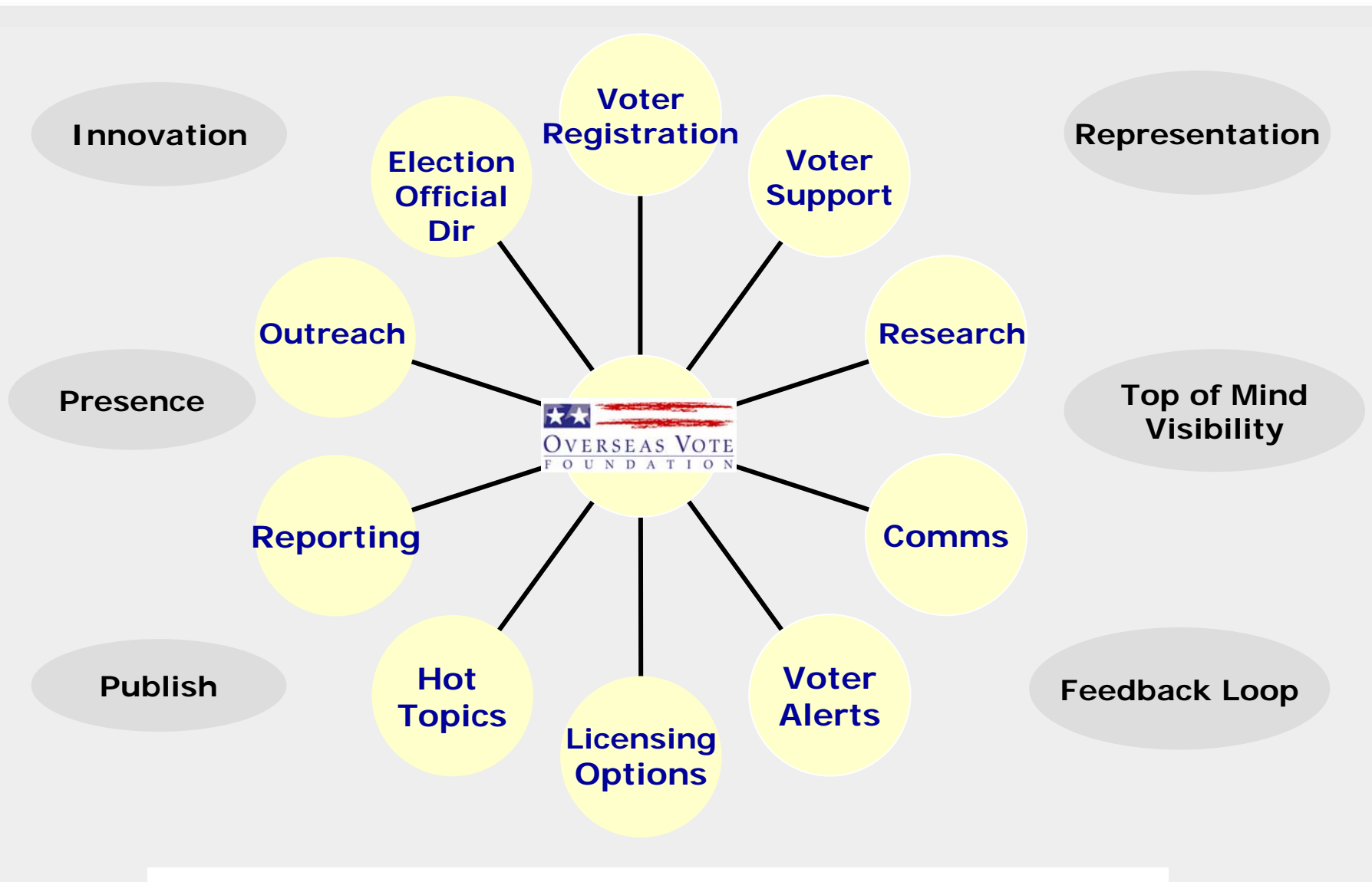
Reaching Our Target Audiences





Overseas Vote Foundation Regional Outreach

Our Work



Complete, Integrated Program Solution



OVF's Suite of Key Voter and Election Services

RAVAsm

**Launched February 2006
Announced February 2006**

**ELECTION OFFICIAL
DIRECTORY**

**Launched February 2006
Announced March 2006**

VOTER HELP DESKsm

**Launched February 2006
Announced April 2006**

RAVAsm 2006

REGISTER TO VOTE AND REQUEST YOUR ABSENTEE BALLOT

For the U.S. General Election on Tuesday, November 7, 2006

RAVA is a wizard tool that will help you complete your official voter registration "FPCA" form. When finished, RAVA will prompt you to print a hard copy, or email the file for printing later. Instructions for mailing your FPCA form to your local election official, including the address, are provided.

Complete your registration form in ONLY 5 MINUTES –

- ★ ENTER your data
- ★ PRINT the completed form
- ★ SIGN and DATE
- ★ MAIL to the address provided

Choose One -

Voter Type:

- ☐ U.S. citizen living outside the U.S. either temporarily or indefinitely
- ☐ Active duty member of the U.S. Uniformed Services
- ☐ Spouse and family of active duty Uniformed Service member.

CLICK HERE TO START!

RAVAsm 2006

Introduction

- ☐ 1. Last U.S. Residence
- ☐ 2. Identification
- ☐ 3. Current Address
- ☐ 4. Contact Info
- ☐ 5. State Specific
- ☐ 6. Additional Info
- ☐ 7. Print, Sign & Mail
- ☐ 8. Finish

 **VOTER HELP DESK**

Tell-a-Friend 

ELECTION OFFICIAL DIRECTORY

Choose State and Region

State:

New York



Voting Region:

County, Town, Parish, etc.

City of NY: Borough: NY (Manhattan)


[What's my Voting Region?](#)

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Local Election Official (LEO) Information City of NY: Borough: NY (Manhattan), New York


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Local Elections Website: [Click to open City of NY: Borough: NY \(Manhattan\) elections website in another window](#)

LEO Mailing Address: Board of Elections
32 Broadway
7th Floor
New York, NY 10004

LEO Physical Address: Board of Elections
32 Broadway
7th Floor
New York, NY 10004

Local Election Official: George Gonzalez (d)
LEO Phone: (212) 487-5300
LEO Fax: (212) 487-5349
LEO DSN Phone: none on record
LEO Email Address: webmail_gonzalezq@boe.nyc.ny.us

Local Election Official: John Ravitz [r]
LEO Phone: (212) 487-5300
LEO Fax: (212) 487-5349
LEO Email Address: webmail_gonzalezq@boe.nyc.ny.us

Further Instructions: Voters in Manhattan may use either this

Your Email Address

GO!

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VOTER ALERTS



Voting and Your U.S. Tax Status



Voter Identification: Get It Now



Determine Your U.S. Voting Residence

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HOT TOPICS

- Election 2006: It's Sooner Than You Think
- Approach E-mail Voting with Caution
- Email Voting from Abroad to be Tested

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- Election Administration Research Center
- Federation of American Women's Clubs Overseas
- League of Women Voters
- National Association of Secretaries of State
- National Campus Voter Registration Project
- National Defense Committee

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OVF Election Official Directory (EOD)

- Most active service
- Value to multiple audiences
- Growing list of organizations linking to it – including LEOs
- Mechanism for LEO to give specific instructions for his/her jurisdiction directly to voters
- Tracks more data in every record than any other database
- Constantly updated - approximately 800 records since launch of already updated database - LEOs involved in the data maintenance process
- Can be licensed at very affordable price for branded use on other websites

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State:


Voting Region:

County, Town, Parish, etc.

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Local Election Official (LEO) Information San Mateo County, California

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Local Elections Website: [Click to open San Mateo County elections website in another window](#)

LEO Mailing Address: Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder
40 Tower Road
San Mateo, CA 94402


LEO Physical Address: Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder
40 Tower Road
San Mateo, CA 94402

Local Election Official: Mr. Warren Slocum
LEO Phone: (650) 312-5222
LEO Fax: (650) 312-5348
LEO DSN Phone: none on record
LEO Email Address: registrar@smcare.org

Local Overseas Voting Contact: Ms. Narda M Garcia
LOVC Phone: (650) 312-5365
LOVC Fax: (650) 312-5348
LOVC Email Address: nqarcia@smcare.org

Further Instructions: Open M-F, 8:00-5:00
"Am I Registered to Vote?"
Check your voter registration status online at the
Official Election Site of San Mateo

Your Email Address **GO!**

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National
Association of
Secretaries of State

Find Your Election Official

Close Window

Choose State and Region

State:

Florida

Voting Region:

County, Town, Parish, etc.

--Select one--

--Select one--

Alachua County

Baker County

Bay County

Bradford County

Brevard County

Broward County

Calhoun County

Charlotte County

Citrus County

Clay County

Collier County

Columbia County

De Soto County

Dixie County

Duval County

Escambia County

Flagler County

Franklin County

Gadsden County

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STEP 2: Locate Your Polling Place.

Next, you'll need to know where to go to cast your ballot. Many states, counties and cities offer online services that match your address to the correct voting location. Others simply list contact information for local election officials who you can contact to find out where your polling place is located. Just look for your place of residence in the drop down menu below, and click on the link to find out where you should go to vote.

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* denotes required fields

Question From:

First name: * Scott

Last name: * McIntyre

☒ Allow mixed case last name (e.g. McNally)

Email address: * scottmcintyre@sample.com

State where you vote: * Missouri

Question Type:

Type: * State Residency

Your Question:

1024 chars. or less

Hi -

Can you help me out? I last lived in St. Louis 10 years ago and my residency isn't current. Does it need to be? I never voted while in the US. Can I still vote? If so, how do I register? And what if I'm not sure of my last address?

Thanks this great service! I found you on the "expatica" site,

Scott

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Your Email Address GO!

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Practical Approach

- Solves persistent problems of UOCAVA voter registration
 - **Availability:** it is now ubiquitous over the Internet
 - **Complexity:** modernized, online, easy and automated
 - **Accuracy:** error-checking and customized by state; automatic address information given
 - **Legibility:** printed forms

Real Value in Real Time Reporting

- Site traffic (2 million hits to date)
- Descriptive data for election officials
- Aggregated demographic information
- Example:
 - States in which voters are registering
 - Countries in which they live
 - Types of voters using the site

Top 10 States	<u>Percent</u>
CA	14.95
NY	14.56
TX	5.49
PA	4.86
FL	4.61
IL	4.61
MA	4.46
NJ	4.34
MI	2.87
OH	2.84

**These
percentages
have held
over the
course of
the
registration
period.**

Tracking Registrations by Voter's Country of Residence

<u>Country</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Canada	18.80
United Kingdom	12.83
Germany	6.97
Australia	5.66
France	5.28
Switzerland	3.58
Uniformed Services	3.33
Italy	3.07
Japan	2.91
Israel	2.74

Who is Using the OVF Site?

<u>Voter Type</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Civilian	96.2
Service members	3.26
Service member family	0.51

Surveys and Research

- Commitment to Post Election Surveys, analysis of voter trends, in-depth understanding of real voter issues; and recommendations
- 2004 Post Election Survey:
 - Sent to 64,000 overseas voters
 - 17% response rate
 - 11,000 respondents
 - Published online: June 2005
- 2006 Post Election Survey: collaborative project with the UC Berkeley Election Administration Research Center

Non Partisan Voter Outreach

- Communications program
- Regional Representatives
- University study abroad programs
 - Individual Universities
 - American Democracy Project (ADP)
 - National Campus Voter Registration Project (NCVRP)
- Election-related organizations – domestic and international



Shape The Future. Vote!

Official Election Site of San Mateo County



Warren Slocum Chief Election Officer & Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder

April 4, 2006

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—☆ California ☆— Gubernatorial Primary Election June 6, 2006

It's Official -- They're Running!

The Candidate Roster lists the people who filed their nomination papers to run in the June Primary in San Mateo County by party and office.

[What statewide propositions and initiatives have qualified for the June Primary?](#)

[Who's running for statewide office in the June primary?](#)

Local Measures for June 6th Primary Election

- ◆ Cabrillo Unified School District Parcel Tax - Measure S
- ◆ Menlo Park City School District Bond - Measure U

Review the format and procedures for submitting arguments for and against local measures. The deadline for submitting arguments is 5:00pm Friday, March 17, 2006.

What's on the Ballot?

Review the races scheduled for the June primary

- ◆ Federal Offices
- ◆ State Offices
- ◆ Countywide Offices
- ◆ Central Committee Offices
- ◆ Local Measures
- ◆ Statewide Measures

Colma Special Election - April 11th

Town of Colma Municipal Special Election

April 11, 2006

Attention Colma Voters: Learn more about [Measure R: Expansion of Gambling](#)

Voter Registration

If you're 18, a citizen and care about America - [Register to vote today.](#)



Overseas Voting

Overseas American citizens, State Department employees, and active duty uniformed service members and their accompanying families within and outside of the United States can register to vote using RAVA. [Register Today!](#)



Simplify Your Life -- Vote By Mail

It's easy, it's convenient and anyone can Vote by Mail. Simply sign up [here.](#)



Featured Site:
San Mateo County,
California

HOME page
<http://www.shapethefuture.org/default.asp>



RAVA: US Overseas Voter Mini-FAQ

PVNN

[Click here for OVF's Latest Newsletter](#)

The US Midterm Election is nearing: September 1st you'll only have about 38 days left for your completed overseas voter registration form to arrive in your jurisdiction, as most states require your overseas voter registration form 30 days in advance of Election Day. If you haven't done it yet, register and request your absentee ballot now!

Let's not let a simple question stand between you and voting this year. Here are the Top 10 Frequently Asked Questions that we receive from voters like you.

1. What is the registration deadline in my state?

Check OVF's state-by-state listing of 2006 VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINES. The list gives the day by which your completed form must arrive. ★ [Click here](#)

2. How do I register to vote from overseas?

Go to RAVA - Registration and Absentee Voter Application - provided online by the nonpartisan, nonprofit Overseas Vote Foundation. ★ [Click here](#)

3. How long can I wait to register from overseas?

Don't delay! Overseas registrations often need more time for processing. Remember, your ballot must be sent to you in time for you to complete and return it. Build in some buffer time.

4. How do I confirm that I am still registered to vote?

Go to the OVF ELECTION OFFICIAL DIRECTORY lookup service. Call or email your local election office back in your hometown to request a confirmation. ★ [Click here](#)



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between you
and registering
to vote?

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IN GERMANY - 6 SEPTEMBER

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IN GERMANY

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Tea - 4 - 2 - Vote

Women's Equality Day on 26 August commemorates the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution which gave American women full voting rights in 1920. Marina Mecl tells the story.

Collective memory pinpoints the history of women's suffrage to Quaker teacher Susan B. Anthony who in 1837 was the first to stand up for equal pay for women teachers.

Discouraged that the post-Civil War campaign for voting rights for Black-Americans did not extend to women, Anthony founded the American Equal Rights Association in 1866 and the National Woman Suffrage Association in 1868. She is the first woman ever to be depicted on U.S. currency - the new dollar coin in 1979.



It all started at a tea party: Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott met for tea in Seneca Falls, New York, eight years after having met at the first World Anti-Slavery Convention in London in 1840, where they were neither allowed to sit with their husbands in the main hall nor speak at the convention. That afternoon they laid out the plans for the first Woman's Rights Convention to be held on July 19 and 20, 1848, at the Wesleyan Chapel in Seneca Falls.

Though she fought for her cause until her death in 1906, Anthony



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Voter Trust

- Essential component to electoral participation
- Trust indicators
 - Usage of our services
 - Membership
 - Donations
 - Survey response
 - Volunteer recruitment

Voters Trust Overseas Vote Foundation

Enable Elections Community to Serve UOCAVA Voters

-  platform solution
- Brings proven OVF services to state, local and voting organization websites
- Fully-hosted solution includes reporting
- Customizable look and feel – branded solution
- Highly affordable:
 - No development costs
 - Low maintenance/support costs
 - Scaled pricing for states per NASS strata

Future Directions

- Long-term vision
- Future challenges
 - State specific tools
 - Secure online transmission and reception
 - Improving UOCAVA voting procedures
 - Preserving confidentiality
 - Security
 - Maintaining and evolving current services

**As we Americans are working to take democracy
to other parts of the world, let's also
take democracy to Americans
throughout the world.**

**Showing an example is the best way
to make democracy work.**